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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

WILLIAM V. GOODHUE

U.S. Serial No. 10/601,667

Group Art Unit 3727

Filed: June 24, 2003

S. Cronin, Examiner

PACKAGING DEVICE FOR FASTENERS

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Alexandria, Virginia
January 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed
September 22, 2005.

Applicant has considered the outstanding Office
action. Claims 1, 3-7, 14, 16, 18, 19, 24 and 27-88 are
pending in this application. Claims 16, 18, 19, 24, 40-54
and 61-88 are allowed. Claims 1, 3-7 and 55-60 have been
rejected. Claim 14 has been objected to. It is
respectfully submitted that the claims are directed to
patentable subject matter as set forth below.

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the examiner's
statement that claims 16, 18, 19, 24, 40-54 and 61-88 are